PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: ELECTRONIC STILL CAMERA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to read:

--Electronic Still Camera and Method of Operating Same--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1:

Please insert the following sentence after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

-- This application is a Continuation of U.S.

Application No. 09/399,150 filed September 20, 1999; which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/914,758 filed August 20, 1997; which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/410,398 filed March 27, 1995; which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/253,324 filed June 3, 1994; which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 07/802,812 filed December 6, 1991, all abandoned.--;

line 7, after "medium" insert -- and to a method of operating such a camera--.

Page 2:

line 6, change "recroded" to --recorded--;

line 13, change "wihtout" to --without--.

Page 15:

line 21, change "allows" to --is able--;

line 27, change "enables" to --is able--.

Page 16: line 5, delete "the" and change "reliable" to --reliably the--; line 10, delete "only"; line 17, delete "image"; line 24, change "informing" to --indicating--. Page 17: line 2, change "with" to --of--; line 12, change "adapting" to --adapted--. Page 21: line 9, change "taken" to --photographed-- and change "photographer" to --photographers--; line 13, change "landscape" to --landscapes--. Page 23: line 8, change "in" to --earlier)--; line 9, delete "the Related Background Art)". Page 26: line 22, change "mebodiment" to --embodiment--; line 25, change "the unit" to --units--.

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Page 27:
         line 4, change "copressed" to --compressed--.
    Page 31:
         line 24, after "displaying" insert --a--;
         line 27, change "as" to --on--.
    Page 32:
          line 27, delete "in" (second occurrence).
    Page 33:
          line 15, change "Controls" to --Control--.
     Page 34:
          line 3, change "an unrepresented" to --a-- and
after "switch" insert -- (not shown) --.
     Page 35:
          line 15, change "in function" to --on--;
          line 23, change "in function" to --on--.
     Page 36:
          line 9, change "in function" to --on--;
          line 14, change "in function" to --on--;
          line 24, change "function" to --operation--.
     Page 37:
          line 11, change "what" to --that--;
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line 20, after "stores" insert --the--.
     Page 38:
          line 8, delete "in" and change "overlapping" to
--overlapped--;
          line 13, delete "in" and "with";
          line 15, delete "a" (first occurrence);
          line 16, delete "in" and "with";
          line 26, delete "in" and "with".
     Page 39:
          line 20, change "frist" to --first--.
     Page 41:
          line 4, change "in function" to --on-- and change
"function" to --operation--;
          line 6, change "function" to -- the operation--;
          line 23, change "in function" (first occurrence)
to --on-- and change "in function" (second occurrence) to
--so--;
          line 26, change "in" (first occurrence) to --is--.
     Page 42:
          line 5, change "function" to --operation ---
     Page 45:
           line 2, after "of" insert --the--;
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line 23, change "on" to --for--.

Page 46:
    line 10, change "calcualtes" to --calculates--.

Page 48:
    line 20, change "sequence" to --sequence--;
    line 27, after "is" insert --the--.

Page 49:
    line 8, after "are" insert --the--;
    line 9, after "steps" insert --the--;
    line 10, after "by" insert --the--;
    line 19, change "frist" to --first--.
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2-26, without prejudice.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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line 2, delete "the";
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line 3, change "signal" to --signals--;

--.-;

line 8, change "manner, and the" to --The--;

line 6, change "in more reliable" to a period

line 9, change "in order to inform the" to a period --.-;

lines 10-11, delete in their entirety;

line 12, delete new paragraph and delete "in";

line 13, delete "securer manner";

line 14, delete "card";

line 16, delete "A display device is provided";

lines 17-18, delete in their entirety;

line 19, delete new paragraph;

line 23, delete "card".

Page 70:

line 1, delete "Also there is provided a display"; lines 2-4, delete in their entirety.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended pursuant to 35

U.S.C. § 120 and to conform with the amendment of the specification in predecessor applications. The cancellation of Claims 2-26 is merely for the purpose of reducing the filing fee and is not intended to abandon the subject matter of the cancelled claims. A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment presenting new claims will be filed in due course.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to

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by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that

Account. If any extension of time is required in connection

with the filing of this paper and has not been requested

separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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